Sri R. V. SWAMINATHAN :—" In answering a supplementary question the Hon. Minister said that postponement of collection of these loans are ordered on the merits of each case. May I know the basis the Government propose to adopt to sanction postponement of collection in individual cases? "

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Famine conditions and the incapacity of the people to pay and so many other considerations of which hon. Member is himself aware."

Sri V. GOPALA GOUNDER :—" May I know the amount that was outstanding on the date when the memorandum was received by Government and how much was collected by the time the order was issued by the Government? "

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" A separate question may be put, Sir."

Special judicial tribunal for settling disputes between the workers and owners of plantations.

* 279 *Q.*—Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposal at present to appoint a special judicial tribunal for settling disputes between the workers and owners of plantations in this State?

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Yes, Sir, the matter is under the consideration of Government."

Sri K. P. GOPALAN :—" Will the Hon. the Minister be pleased to state whether Government have taken any definite decision to appoint the Tribunal? "

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Yes, Sir, I expect orders to be passed within a week at the most."

Sri S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI :—" Have Government received any representations or complaints about the existing Tribunal? "

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I am afraid, Sir, I cannot answer that question."

Plight of the ex-employees of the tramways.

* 280 *Q.*—Sri M. PALANIYANDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state what steps the Government have taken to find a solution to the plight of the 1,500 tramwaymen who have become unemployed on account of the stoppage of trams?

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The Transport Commissioner has been instructed to absorb in his department as many ex-employees of the tramways as possible in vacancies

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in posts for which they may be suitable, excluding posts like those of clerks in which employees of the State Government, discharged as a result of the partition, could be employed.''

Sri M. PALANIYANDI :—" இதுவரையில் எத்தனை தொழிலாளர்கள் வேலைக்கு எடுத்துக்கொள்ளப்பட்டிருக்கிறார்கள் என்று சொல்ல முடியுமா ? "

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Fifteenth December 1953, I think, was the last date before which application for employment should be received by the Transport Department. A committee consisting of the Joint Transport Commissioner, the Deputy Commissioner of Police, the Assistant Commissioner or the Mechanical Engineer is to examine and select candidates for appointment.''

Sri C. KANDASAMY :—" தொழிலாளர்களுக்கு பாதுகாப்பு அளிப்பது போல் டிராமில் பிரயாணம் செய்யப்பட்ட லட்சக்கணக்கான மக்களுக்கு பாதுகாப்பு அளிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறதா ? அவர்களுக்கு நிவாரணம் அளிக்க எவ்வளவு பஸ்கள் சிட்டியில் அதிகப்படுத்தப்பட்டிருக்கிறது ? "

Mr. SPEAKER :—" I think the hon. Member is straying away from the main question.''

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I will answer the question if permitted by the Hon. Speaker.''

Mr. SPEAKER :—" This does not at all arise out of the main question.''

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Then I shall bow to your decision, Sir.''

Sri S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI :—" Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to state the qualifications that are expected to be possessed by these tramway workers and if a minimum qualification is insisted upon whether it will not reduce the number of workers being re-employed? ''

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" From the details available in the note before me, I am not aware whether any minimum qualification has been prescribed. If the hon. Member puts a separate question, I shall answer, Sir.''

Sri M. PALANIYANDI :—" கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் பதில் சொல்லும் 11-20 a.m.
போது எதோ ஒரு கமிட்டிக்கு இதை அனுப்பி வைத்து அவர்களுக்கு வேலை கொடுக்கவேண்டும் என்று சொல்லியிருப்பதாகச் சொன்னார். அவர்கள் இவர்களை வேலைக்கு எடுத்துக்கொள்ளாததால் அநேகம் பேர்கள் வேலை இல்லாமல் தற்கொலை செய்துகொள்ளும் நிலைமையும் ஏற்பட்டிருக்கிறது. ஆகையால் இனிமேலாவது அவர்கள் தற்கொலை செய்துகொள்ளாமல் இருக்க அவர்களை வேலைக்கு எடுத்துக்கொள்ள ஏதாவது சீக்கிரம் நடவடிக்கை எடுக்குமா ? "

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" If by that, the hon. Member refers to suicide, I am not aware of any such case.''

Sri T. ANANTA PAI :—" May I know how many of these 1,500 men are likely to be absorbed? ''

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" It may be about a couple of hundreds or a little more.''

SRI K. VINAYAKAH :—" Is it not a fact that in the matter of recuritment to the Transport Department, only applicants sponsored by the Indian National Trade Union Congress are encouraged and applicants sponsored by the Unions affiliated to the Communist Party are not properly encouraged? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I am afraid, discretion must be given to the Committee which select these men. I am not aware of the discrimination refered to by the hon. Member. At any rate, no order from the Government has gone to that effect."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" வேலையிலிருந்து நீக்கப்பட்டிருக்கக்கூடிய இந்த 1,500 டிராம்வே தொழிலாளிகள் இதர தொழிற் சங்க காரியங்களில் ஈடுபட்டிருக்கிறுர்கள் என்பதற்காக ஒரவஞ்சனையாய் நடத்தப்பட்டிருந்தால், அந்தக் காரணத்தைக் காட்டி அவர்களுக்கு வேலை கொடுக்கமுடியாது என்று சொல்லமாட்டோம் என்று சர்க்கார் அதற்கான உத்தரவுகளை அனுப்பிப்பார்களா ? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I am afraid, the hon. Member is asking a hypothetical question. If he gives any specific instance, I will answer it."

SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI —" തൊഴിലാളികളെ തിരഞ്ഞെടുക്കുന്നതിന്ന ഒരു കമ്മിററി ഉണ്ടാക്കീട്ടുണ്ടെന്നു ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട മന്ത്രി പറഞ്ഞു. ആ കമ്മിററിയിൽ തൊഴിലാളികളുടെ രണ്ടു പ്രതിനിധികളെ കൂട്ടിച്ചേർക്കാൻ ഗവൺമെണ്ട് ശ്രദ്ധിക്കുമോ ? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" No, Sir, at the present moment, we have got the Joint Transport Commissioner, The Deputy Commissioner of Police (Traffic and Licensing) and also, in the case of traffic staff the Assistant Transport Commissioner and in the case of technical staff, we have got the Mechanical Engineer. I do not know whether the category referred to by my hon. Friend will be qualified to select."

SRI T. S. ARDHANARI :—" டிராம்வே தொழிலாளிகளுக்கு ஏதாவது நிவாரணம் கொடுப்பதற்கு சர்க்கார் யோசித்துக்கொண்டிருக்கிறதா ? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I am afraid that this question has nothing to do with the main question."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" In view of the fact that the question was raised on the floor of this House, will the Government consider the desirability of issuing instructions that no discrimination should be made on the basis of parties to which these men belong? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" It is presumed that no discrimination will be made. The fact that the Government have not passed any such order is sufficient proof that they do not expect this Committee to show any discrimination. The Committee consists of responsible officers and I am sure, they will do justice."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, the hon. Members shoud drop their natural apprehensions in this matter. The policy of the Government is to test the applicants only on the basis of the qualifications required for the new employment. It has nothing to do with their politics.'